

My dear Mr. Chapman  
I have not had time to complete the abstract but will endeavour to send such  
a copy by the next  
packet as will  
show the capacity of  
some of your friends  
drawing up any  
statement of  
contributions  
respecting the  
contributions  
and this is,  
I trust, as you deem  
my articles worthy  
of special notice  
and hint for the  
future. One only  
reason for attending  
to these minutes  
is the desire of  
keeping up the  
interest of those  
who have been  
wounded, but they  
become spectators  
if there is no  
agony such as  
of moving to them  
that their efforts  
are appreciated,  
an appreciation  
of which you are I  
trust, looking for.

We had calculated nothing  
the 19<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> steamer, thro' the medium of Liverpool rec'd  
hoping that a suggestion Mr Garrison made to us would  
be urged <sup>in Liverpool</sup> & acted upon, - of keeping a box open till  
the latest available packet, with the announcement  
that things could be sent from any other town by it.  
But on applying to the lady whose name is inserted  
in my Father's tract I learned that nothing had been  
collected or was likely to be in that locality, so the  
Meeting lately held there, <sup>must</sup> have failed to stimulate the  
inhabitants & produce the effect in a substantial  
form which has generally attended the visits & lectures  
of Mr Garrison & Douglas. Finding this resource fail  
I at once packed the few things entrusted to our charge  
& some additional purchases of Stationery &c. which  
I think will be attractive, in a small box, & sent it  
off to meet Mr Garrison who will I trust be able to  
take charge of it, tho' I fear he is already overloaded  
with similar burdens. I enclose a list of its contents  
& also an account of our receipts & expenditures for  
the Fair, together with as complete a list of donors  
as I have been able to make out from imperfect notes  
but it may serve to interest you, & I hope there will be



time before the post, to draw up a short summary which  
may be some assistance to you & save you trouble in any  
notice you may be disposed to publish. Of course you  
will alter it as you see fit or lay it aside if not suited to  
your purpose. I will also enclose the bills for the humbly  
bowl articles as the cost knowledge of the cost price <sup>of each</sup> may  
be a guide to you. I regret that they were omitted before. My  
Aunt (who ~~has~~ left me when our busy time was over) ~~desired~~  
commissioned me to request you to appropriate one of  
her Hampfells to adorning the hamp (should there be such  
an article of food on the occasion) at the refreshment  
table during the Fair, that the use of these rather novel  
ornaments may be understood. The microscopic slides  
prepared by my cousin Augustus Richard (who is a surgeon  
at ~~Sturminster~~ <sup>Sturminster</sup> town, son of Dr. Richard, author of the Physical History  
of Mankind &c.) would be <sup>very</sup> valuable to any medical man  
who uses the microscope in physiological observations.  
I believe these were all the business matters I had to  
mention to you & there is too little time for entering on the  
many themes connected with the subject & so much engrossing  
our interest, ~~wh~~ I would gladly enlarge upon to you. It is  
a great pleasure to find that my expressions of our affection  
for Mr. Garrison & details of his proceedings here, imperfect  
as they were, have afforded any pleasure to those to whom  
he is dear. With you I long for a magnetic telegraph  
to convey some adequate conception of ~~them~~ our regard for  
him. We have been perusing the various reports of his speeches  
in the towns he has been visiting with much interest, & rejoice  
in his having been able to remain here longer than he at first  
designed, so as to continue his "iconoclastic" labors & to make



himself & his cause better known amongst us. His speech  
at Newcastle must do much to remove the unfavorable  
impression entertained of some of his tenets, or rather <sup>the</sup>  
silence the assertions of his having any other than the Christian  
standard. We still are obliged however to fight many  
battles for him, & find standing constantly on the defensive  
for him the least pleasant part of our Anti Slavery efforts.  
It is so impossible to make those who are prejudiced take an  
enlarged view. I have just made an extract from a  
letter my Father has been writing on this subject & will  
send it to you as a sample of the line of argument he has  
to adopt. It is addressed to a lady much interested in  
the subject, a liberal donor to the Fair, & who highly  
approves of the tone of my Father's pamphlet, w<sup>ch</sup> she has  
circulated to a considerable extent, but who is constantly  
complaining of Mr Garrison & other Abol<sup>ns</sup> for the violence  
of their language, the subjects introduced into the Libera  
Dr. Dr. We are glad to perceive that an increase to your  
Fair is likely to accrue to you from our Exeter friends who  
only began to take an interest in the A.S. movement on  
my Father's applying for the name of a lady receiver, leading  
to a long correspondence on the subject, the circulation  
of F. Douglass's Narrative there, & subsequently to his visit.  
It makes <sup>nearly</sup> all the difference between zeal & indifference  
in different towns whether F. D. or Mr Garrison has  
lectured there, or whether there has merely been the intro  
ductory step of applying for names & sending the narrative.  
The interest never becomes general till there has been  
a public meeting, however earnestly the cause is taken up



by individuals; so I trust F. D. will be here long enough to visit  
many more of our large towns. It is not our fault that the  
Extra things are so late in reaching you; for we have constantly  
urged the importance of their <sup>of Bridgewater</sup> contributions being forwarded  
early. I find Lucy Brown a friend of mine has made some  
inquiries of you respecting the things most solicited for the Fair.  
Any information that you have already given me I can communicate  
to you, but I have no time to do so now. I am, my dear friend,  
yours truly,  
Mary A. Estlin.

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Mary Estlin

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to her to save your trouble, I am sure she will be quite satisfied. will  
y<sup>r</sup> referring her to me. This zeal has only sprung up since Dr. Briggs  
visit; when I have <sup>before</sup> tried to interest them I was assured we had no  
right to interfere with America. And this change of sentiment  
he will be able to effect on numbers whom we have no power of influence.  
I must conclude hastily. My Father hopes to take these papers  
to Liverpool, to-morrow morning for he cannot rest without once  
more shaking hands with Mr Garrison. I only wish I were strong enough  
to accompany him. Believe me ever affectionately yours  
Mary A. Estlin.